

NO LEGAL BAR TO REMOVING SCALES

City Attorney Says Unlikely Structure Can Be Taken From Market Square.

COMMISSION MAY ACT MONDAY

Mayor That Step Might Affect Municipality's Title to Ground Is Unfounded.

As far as City Attorney John K. Scott has been able to determine there will be no legal difficulties connected with the plan of removing the unrightfully hand stand and weighing scale house from Market square, and the plan proposed by Commissioner Murrin a few weeks ago will probably be carried into effect at an early date.

At the council meeting Aug. 16 Commissioner Murrin presented a resolution which embodied a double proposition from R. C. Benson with reference to the city scales on Market square. Mr. Benson proposed to give the city scalemaster office room free of charge if the city will keep the scales in repair, and an alternate proposition of the city paying \$100 per year rent for the office room and Mr. Benson to keep the scales in repair. The scales are to be removed, according to the proposal, to Mr. Benson's place of business on Seventeenth street and Second avenue.

On motion of Mayor McConochie the matter was referred to a committee composed of Commissioners Murrin, Lusk and Rudgren and City Attorney Scott.

No Legal Handicap.

The question was raised at the time whether the removal of the scales would not involve the city in legal difficulties because it was stated that the deed whereby the city secured possession of the square provided that it should always be used for market purposes. The city attorney has been unable to find such conditions imposed on the city, but he contends that even if there are such restrictions, this will not interfere with the removal of the scalemaster's office from the square or the transfer of the scales to the new location. The removal of the scales would not prevent the use of the square for market purposes if this should be found necessary on further investigation.

It is likely that the committee will take action based on this opinion at the regular meeting Monday evening and will recommend the adoption of one of Mr. Benson's proposals.

New York Reserves Increased. New York, Aug. 28.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$291,744,719 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$12,211,700 over last week.

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NEW MAN TO DIRECT VAUDEVILLE HOUSE



Charles Berkell.

Mr. Berkell is to direct the Empire, which opens for the season tomorrow matinee. He established the American in Davenport and gained a reputation in the tri-cities for serving only the best in vaudeville. He promises the same high standards will prevail at the Empire.

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Isador Handelman Rock Island
Miss Anna Litman Rock Island
Dave Pisel Burlington, Ia.
Miss Della Boegys Rock Island
John Kovach Davenport
Miss Eva Brachner Davenport
Charles C. Sherburne Rock Island
Miss Emma Larson Rock Island
Adolph Lewis Rock Island
Miss Nina Harvey Rock Island
Alberic Desander Erie
Clemence Corvriendt Hillsdale

The Theatre

EMPIRE
Vaudeville—Performances daily at 2:45 and 8:15; three shows on Sunday.

COLUMBIA
Vaudeville (Davenport)—Performances daily at 2:45 and 8:15; three shows on Sunday.

ILLINOIS
Tonight—Robert Warwick in "The Stolen Voice."

Sunday—Francis X. Bushman, Marguerite Snow and Lester Cuneo in "The Second in Command."

Monday—John Mason in "Jim the Penman."

Tuesday—Viola Allen in "The White Sister."

Wednesday—Mary Pickford in "The Dawn of a Tomorrow."

Thursday—Marguerite Clark in "The Goose Girl."

Friday—"The Wheels of Justice."

Saturday—Edmund Breece in "The Master Mind."

Sunday—Dorothy Donnelly in "The Sealed Valley."

COLONIAL

Saturday—"Motherhood" and Charlie Chaplin.

Sunday—"Cup of Chance" and Charlie Chaplin.

Monday—"King of the Wise."

Tuesday—"The Witness."

Wednesday—"Eyes That See Not."

Thursday—"The Avenging Conscience," with Blanche Sweet and Henry Woodhall.

Friday—"June Friday."

Saturday—"The Scar," Broadway Star feature, and Charlie Chaplin.

Sunday—"When My Lady Smiles" and Charlie Chaplin.

BLACK HAWK

Saturday—Talking and singing pictures; "Miss Jekyll and Madame Hyde."

AT THE ILLINOIS

Francis X. Bushman, Viola Allen, Mary Pickford, Marguerite Clark and the greatest galaxy of stars ever presented to the patrons of any tri-city theatre in any one week will be the treat given his patrons by Manager Joe Quinn of the Illinois beginning tonight and running over a week from tomorrow. Mr. Bushman, assisted by Marguerite Snow, will appear Sunday in "The Second in Command," the Metro corporation masterpiece which won first prize at the Panama exposition. Mr. Bushman appears in a military role and is doing, it is said, his greatest work. Miss Allen appears in a return engagement of "The White Sister" on Tuesday and on Wednesday Mary Pickford will be seen in "The Dawn of a Tomorrow," a wonderful story by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Marguerite Clark will be brought back in "The Goose Girl" by popular request for Thursday. On Monday John Mason, Frederick Perry and Harold Lockwood, assisted by Marguerite Leslie and strong cast, will be seen in "Jim the Penman." Mr. Perry was last seen in the leading role in "Dr. Rameau" and is an accomplished dramatic actor.

OLIVERS TO RETURN.

Announcement is made at Moline that the Oliver Drama Players will, and favorably known in the tri-cities, will open a season of indefinite duration at the Moline theatre starting at the matinee Sunday, Sept. 5. In view of the fact that one of the Oliver organizations played a most successful season at the Empire here last spring this announcement should be of interest to theatre goers, especially as the roster of the Moline company will include such names as Lawrence Finch, Elsie Corbin, Ed Williams and Will H. Bruno, all of whom have many friends locally. Mr. Finch in particular

BOYS' MOTHERS INVITED TO MEET

Department of Y. M. C. A. is Planning for Banquet to Be Held Sept. 17.

The boys' department of the local Y. M. C. A. in its efforts to do the greatest possible good to the boys of the city, is seeking the cooperation of all the agencies through which it can further its plans. The father and son banquet is surely filling a large place in the association activities and is the means of getting the fathers of boys into closer relationship with their sons. Although the father plays a large part in the life of the boy it is a well known fact that the mother plays even a still larger part. Believing in the old adage "the boy's best friend is his mother" the boys' department is planning something new in the way of a big mother and son banquet to be held at the Y. M. C. A. the evening of Sept. 17.

Within a few days mothers in the city will receive invitations to attend and will also find an enclosed postcard for reply. An effort will be made to have a large attendance. If any mother fails to receive an invitation she is urged to call the Y. M. C. A.

The mother and son idea is a new one. The aim is to get in closer touch with the mothers of the boys so as to make work with the boys more efficient.

A live program has been planned for the occasion, the most interest no doubt, which will be a little skit entitled "What Happened to Harry." The mothers will be shown all the different phases of boys' activities, also the well equipped club and game rooms.

made a host of friends here. Prices at the night performances will be 10 and 20 cents, with the same charge at the Sunday matinees, while bargain matinees will be given Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The opening play will be "Bought and Paid For," which is to be followed by other high-class royalty plays, two being offered each week, the change taking place at the Sunday and Thursday matinees.

AT THE EMPIRE

It is said 50 vaudeville acts were cancelled before Charles Berkell, new manager of the Empire theatre, Rock Island, secured the opening bill for his theatre, which will start tomorrow afternoon. It was his purpose to present a show not one of whose acts were ever seen in the three cities before and to this end he devoted a number of weeks' time. The result is that the show which starts Sunday will be new in every detail.

The Rannalls will present their big western act with special scenery called "Seventeen Minutes in Arizona." Everything in this act is a divided novelty and has never before been seen in the three cities. Purcella Brothers in "The Jimmy Valentine Twins" will have a comedy interspersed with singing and much good dancing of an entirely new type. Jean Ward and Harrison Terry in "The Frameup" bring a powerful comedy-dramatic sketch. King and Harvey will sing, dance and play the piano, and the Escardos, direct from Europe, will indulge in trampoline frolics that will bring a new thrill to vaudeville audiences. Even the pictures will be new. Manager Berkell arranging to have a fine service of comedies and dramas. The last half of the week will bring Purcella's famous bell ringers, an act which is standard in any city in the United States. Other last half attractions will be Bill "Swede" Hall & Company in "Mr. Badweiser," Knight and Morrison in a refreshing little skit and the Ishikawa Japs, four in number. Seats at the Empire are selling fast. The theatre is the same as new. It is considerably smaller, affording better acoustic facilities, is newly remodeled, redecorated and is one of the prettiest and most comfortable theatres in this section of the country. "My policy," said Mr. Berkell, "is and always has been, to give the public real entertainment. I think I have succeeded in the past and firmly believe I will do so at the Empire. I am going to give the tri-cities the best vaudeville they ever had."

AT THE COLUMBIA

Those who believe Mr. Darwin was correct will have an opportunity to strengthen their thoughts along that line Sunday at the Columbia by seeing "Romeo, The Great," perform. Romeo is a large Chinaman Monk, trained by Alfred Drawsky to do almost everything man can do except talk. On the same bill will appear Ernette Asoria with Chevalier De Mar and Miss Elente in classic terpsichorean whirling. Miss Asoria is making her first American tour in vaudeville, having been a big favorite in the London music halls for several years prior to the outbreak of the present war which brings her to this side of the world. O'Neal and Walmesley have the distinction of being the only act who have been booked back to the Columbia three times within two years. Manager Blanchard had so many requests for their return he stated he was pleased to have an opportunity of bringing back such warm favorites. They are known as the "Two Lightning Bugs." Harry Hines & Co. in "Sayings and Songs" are a clever pair of performers who will bring new and breezy songs and lines. The Baskings will present their European novelty, "Six Comedy Situations," looked upon as a mechanical sensation.

The evening will end up with a swimming exhibition, showing the different methods of teaching the swimming and life saving and how to be at home in the water, demonstrated by a number of the boys.

YOUNG DAVENPORTER FINED FOR SPEEDING

L. W. Brown, a prominent young Davenport, gave his address as Mitchellville and said his occupation was boxing, when he was brought before Magistrate Smith yesterday afternoon on complaint of Officer Flannigan for speeding his auto. The motorcycle cop declared Brown was going at the rate of 28 miles an hour and the offender did not deny this. He alleged he had picked up the speeding habit in Chicago, whence he was just returning from a pleasure trip. He declared the Windy City crossing cops ordered him to hurry up and get out of the way when he was sauntering along at 15 miles per. Justice Smith advised him to get over the habit and assessed him \$5 and costs.

SMITH PRINT SHOP MOVES TO NEW PLACE

The C. J. Smith & Company printing office, now located at 1805 Third avenue, is being removed to its new location, two doors west in the Victor building. The heavy apparatus is being moved today and the transfer will be completed on Monday or Tuesday. Justice Carl Kuehl, who has his offices at the same place, will also have new quarters at 1805 Third avenue.

CAN'T FIND POODLE IN MINER-BUSS CASE

John Buss, who was arraigned in police court a few days ago on complaint of G. Miner, charging the theft of a dog, reported to Magistrate Smith this morning that he had been unable to recover the dog. The poodle disappeared from Buss' home at about the time he was arrested, and Buss had been released on condition that he return the canine to Miner by today. Justice Smith decided to give Buss another week to find the dog and continued the case until Sept. 4.

Lad Is Run Down.

Benny Rottenberg, 11 years old, was run down by a touring car bearing license No. 117802 Iowa, at Twentieth street and Third avenue yesterday afternoon. The lad's bicycle was damaged but the rider escaped injury. After picking the lad up from the pavement, the driver of the machine jumped into his car and sped away.

The Old Fashioned Fiddle

By WILL H. DIXON.
How dear to my heart was the old-fashioned fiddle,
My grand-daddy's fiddle, that hung on the wall.
Ah! Life was then merry, and jolly, and cheery,
As the fiddle sang sweetly thru garb and hall!
That old fashioned fiddle to me was a riddle,
Its delicious sweet music seemed never to fail.
Tingling and singing, sweet joy ever bringing,
The jolly old fiddle that hung on the wall!

As I came from my moving, the plow-
ing of hoeing,
The jolly old fiddle, deliciously sweet,
Sweet tunes would go ringing, winging and singing,
Putting song in my heart, and a spring in my feet!
Then life was no burden, no tears in my girdle,
Ah! life was a dream, how well I recall,
Ringing and singing, sweet joy ever bringing,
The old fashioned fiddle that hung on the wall!

How oft have I danced it, waltzed it, and pranced it,
With a maiden entrancing, and sweet as a dream,
As we danced down the doorway, from doorway to doorway,
The little maid in my arms—life was peaches and cream!
We promised to marry, we hardly could tarry,
How well it comes back I sweetly recall,
Our hearts were both singing with the old fiddle's ringing,
The jolly old fiddle that hung on the wall!

Yet far have I wandered, and oft have I blundered,
And oft in life's friars entangled my feet,
Far o'er life's highway, thru many a byway,
Far from that music entrancing and sweet!
Far o'er the waters I've danced with the daughters,
With royalty's pets, yet oft would it pall,
Ah! that little maid's singing was still in the ringing,
Of the old fashioned fiddle that hung on the wall!

Oh! oft in my roaming I sit in the gloaming,
Thinking of mother, the old home and all,
Dreaming and singing, of the old fiddle's ringing,
The jolly old fiddle that hung on the wall!
Back o'er the byway of life's winding highway,
Ever and ever my heart seems to call,
Bringing the singing, the old fiddle's ringing,
The old fashioned fiddle that hung on the wall!
From "Dixon's Homespun Rhymes."

MOVIE HEROINE SEES CARNIVAL



Anita Stewart.

This picture of Anita Stewart, the youthful movie picture star, was made a few days ago while she was watching the movie carnival at Brighton Beach, N. Y. Miss Stewart, who has endeared herself to hundreds of thousands of movie followers, is just a little over 20 years old.

MOLINE ELECTRICIAN APPEALS HIS CASE

E. C. Townsend, a Moline electrician, who had a local job held up because his work did not meet with the approval of Electrical Inspector Kling, appeared before Magistrate Smith in police court this morning for a final settlement of the case. An effort was made to get the contractor and the inspector to agree on an adjustment, but this failed, and Townsend declared that he wanted his case tried in the county court. Justice Smith fined him \$10 and costs and the contractor took an appeal. Bonds were fixed at \$50.

SEEKS LOST GIRL IN DOWN TOWN SALOONS

Charles Carter, who claims he is an Alton restaurant owner, came to the city Thursday to locate his daughter. He had evidently been expecting to find her in the down-town saloons, for he was arrested for being intoxicated Thursday night, and after being dismissed with a warning yesterday morning, started right out on his search again in the same places. He was again brought in helpless last night and this morning he was fined \$5 and costs for his second offense and advised to get back home.

MERCER FAIR DATES ARE SEPT. 14 TO 17-6

The 32nd annual Mercer county fair will be held in Alton, Sept. 14, 15, 16 and 17, on the extensively equipped grounds of the Mercer County Agricultural society. Many improvements have been made on the big fair grounds in addition to the brick administration building erected last year, and the 1915 fair is expected to be larger and broader than any of the preceding 61 fairs.

While the leading feature of the Mercer county fair has always been its extensive livestock and grain exhibits, said to be second in the state only to the state fair at Springfield, there is always an abundance of other interesting displays and special attractions, which insure a full and complete entertainment for all classes of people.

Secretary E. R. Peirce announces that a park of 12 acres has been set aside to care for the automobiles of the people who drive to the fair.

Rice Webb, dead in Crookston, Minn., at 4, was the grandson of a man who lived 124 years.

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TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF O'NEAL & WALMSLEY
The Two Lightning Bugs, by Request
OTHER HEADLINERS

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1890

Aug. 22.—The business section of Rock Island was shaken this morning by a terrific blast, when four sticks of dynamite were set off in a sewer trench in Market square. The big windows in Schaefer's saloon and Koch's bicycle shop were broken as well as hundreds of smaller panes in the vicinity. No one was injured. The last consignment of Spencer square ornaments arrived today from New York and they will soon be put into place.

Robert Fullerton and Will Harts left today on a river trip to St. Paul.

Aug. 23.—Mrs. J. H. Wilson, 51 years of age, who resides on Moline avenue, was almost instantly killed in a runaway accident at Twenty-fourth between Third and Fourth avenues today.

Phil Mitchell and Frank Myster are off on a hunting expedition in the

county.
The M. E. camp meeting opened at Tindall's grove today. The attendance was larger than usual.

Aug. 25.—The Holmes syndicate today let a contract for \$350,000 to electrify the street railway systems in Rock Island, Moline and Davenport.

Aug. 26.—Frank Bahnsen today received word of the death of his brother, Dr. William Bahnsen, who was murdered by a half breed Indian at Fisher, Minn.

William McEniry returned last night from a business trip to Chicago. H. E. Casteel has deserted the camp on Woodruff's island and moved his family back to this city.

The annual picnic of the Rock Island Old Settlers' society is to be held tomorrow at the head of Twenty-sixth street.

COLONIAL THEATRE

TODAY
Charlie Chaplin in "THE MASQUERADERS" and "The Disappearing Necktie" Mystery of the Grand Hotel, and "MOTHERHOOD" With Bessie Epton

TOMORROW
Essanay's two-reel comedy "A WOMAN" Featuring Charlie Chaplin, and "THE CUP OF CHANCE" COMING THURSDAY "The Avenging Conscience" Featuring Blanche Sweet and Henry Woodhall.



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ILLINOIS

(Manager J. F. Quinn.)

SENDAY, AUG. 29

Francis X. Bushman

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The Second in Command

MONDAY, AUG. 30

John Mason, Frederick Perry and star Paramount cast in

JIM THE PENMAN

TUESDAY, AUG. 31

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

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Marguerite Clark

—in—

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